Implementation of community information project

2200. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the State Government of Kerala is implementing a community information project namely 'Akshaya' providing the services as envisaged in the CIC Scheme of Government;

(b) whether Government of Kerala sought the sanction for including this 'Akshaya' project under the CIC Scheme; and

(c) whether Government will consider to include the above project under the CIC Scheme and extend the benefit of this scheme for the State project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Equipments for projects under DTH

2201. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan and All India Radio have installed equipment worth Rs. 143 crores for 34 projects under the DTH but are unable to utilize it due to lack of trained manpower;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that five Doordarshan studios and 9 low power transmitters are technically ready but due to non-sanctioning of the staff, they cannot be commissioned; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the Standing Committee on Information Technology has also made similar comments about ineffective tackling of the manpower problems in Prasar Bharati during the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir. Doordarshan's Ku band